

A GREEN CHRISTMAS.

The Old Superstition that It Means a Fat Graveyard Exploded.

SEVERE WEATHER BAD ON HEALTH.

More Deaths in a Rough Winter like the Present one than in a Mild and Open Winter—Old People and Children Suffer most—Redeeming Features of the "Old Fashioned" Winter.

If the word of the average doctor of to-day goes for anything, the old superstition that "a green Christmas makes a fat graveyard" has nothing in it. All the physicians seen agreed that a mild winter was more conducive to health than a rough one. There is, in the opinion of the medical fraternity, a considerable amount of nonsense in the idea that an "old-fashioned" winter is a good thing to have. This winter has certainly come up to anybody's ideal of the old time one. There has been plenty of snow, plenty of blow and any amount of ice. When winter's back-bone seemed broken, old Boreas would again bob up suddenly, and apparently he has just now entered on a new lease of life.

The temperature was unusually equable yesterday, for this climate, the mercury did not get below thirty in the thermometer, and never exceeded thirty-eight. The sun shone brightly and where its rays fell the snow and ice were not only thawed, but evaporated. Yet in the shade the air was very chilly, and as soon as the sun set things froze up again. Last night a little snow fell.

It is very evident that the groundhog is a false prophet. He saw no shadow on his day, but the winter goes on at its old gait just the same. The board of public works had a force of men doing good service yesterday in cleaning out the gutters and scraping off the crossings. The slush was deep and nasty, and this labor was much appreciated by the public.

Several doctors were asked by an INTELLIGENCER man: "Is the old idea that a green Christmas makes a fat graveyard" scientific?"

Taking the answers as a whole, it may be said that the doctors agree that the idea expressed by this proverb is not based on fact. The idea is, of course, that a mild winter is not conducive to health. Many old people still hold that opinion, but all the physicians seen declared that severe weather was much more unhealthy than mild weather. Exceedingly cold weather, such as has prevailed at times this winter, is especially hard on old people, infants and invalids.

Said one doctor: "If you will examine the death rate for a number of winters past, you will find that in years when the winters were mild, the death rate was comparatively light, while in those years when we experienced very severe weather the death rate was high. Another special feature of the record of deaths, if you examine them, will be found to be the universal number of deaths of very old people. Severe weather saps the vitality of the aged particularly. Infants, too, are peculiarly subject to the evil effects of the weather, and almost all invalids are rendered weaker by extremely cold weather. You may put it down as true that the milder the weather, the healthier the people."

A Pleasant Affair.

A surprise party was tendered Mr. Archie Acker at his home on Caldwell's run near the city. The party was given in honor of his nineteenth anniversary, arranged and conducted by his sister, Miss Alta Acker. Refreshments were served at midnight. Those present were Misses Ella and Alma Garvin, Oma White, Mela Brinson, Sadie Simpson, Dolly Barnahan, Mary Kiebo, Ada and Alta Acker, Messrs. W. P. Fish, Calvin and Charles Garvin, Frank McBride, Ed and Bert Carnahan, Henry Brinson, Walter Sneider, F. W. Bonar, Ed, Elmer and Archie Acker.

F. B. Silliman's Funeral.

The funeral of Frank B. Silliman occurred yesterday afternoon from his home on North Huron street, Island, and was largely attended. He was an employee of P. Bachman & Sons, and was well thought of by all who knew him. He leaves a wife, nee Miss Morrison, and one child. The family has the sincere sympathy of a wide circle of friends. He was interred at the Peninsular cemetery.

At Headwaters.

The reports from headwaters last night were as follows:

Brownsville, Pa.—7 feet and falling; cloudy.

Warren, Pa.—3 feet; cloudy and cold. Morgantown, W. Va.—6 feet and falling; clear and cool.

OYSTERS! OYSTERS!

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High prices caused people to quit eating oysters. Low prices will bring them back again, and to-day I have determined through the lenten season to place oysters within the reach of all. And to-day the retail price of the "Great Ellis Star Brand" will be reduced to THIRTY CENTS PER QUANT, and a corresponding reduction in the wholesale price, the lowest price this brand of oysters has reached for years. Remember, notwithstanding the price, the high quality of this brand will be strictly maintained.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and about the City.

The GRAND this evening—"The Fire Patrol."

The U. S. light house steamboat Goldenrod arrived yesterday and is lying at the wharf.

The Riverside Steel Works at Benwood will resume this morning after a lay off since New Year.

The Wheeling Cyclers gave an enjoyable and well attended hop last night at their hall on Jacob street, South Side.

Last evening Louis Noite was arrested by the police and locked up. He was wanted by Constable Anderson for an alleged misdemeanor at Benwood.

EMPIRE Lodge No. 22, Good Templars, gave a Martha Washington ice cream social at Simpson's hall last evening, which was an all around success.

A MARRIAGE license was issued by Clerk Hook yesterday to Porter H. Barrett, aged 22 years, and Lillian A. Miller, aged 20, both residents of this city.

EDWARD FREDERICKS, of the South Side, employed at the Standard Rolling mill, Martin's Ferry, had his right wrist caught in the shears and fearfully mangled.

Last evening a Martha Washington tea party was given at the Arion hall, in lieu of the ordinary Kaffeeklatsch. There were varied amusements, but no dancing.

SEVERAL of the Wheeling bicycle boys have decided to go to the World's Fair next summer awheelback. Several organized tours to Chicago will pass through here.

MR. CUNNINGHAM, a new reporter on the Register, fell in front of the McLure house and dislocated his hip. He will be laid up for six weeks. Dr. Taylor is attending him.

HOWEY, the pugilist, has very fine training quarters at John G. Kline's, on Market street, and daily numbers of people visit the place to see him go through his exercises.

THE case of the state for the use of the First National Bank, of Santa Barbara, Cal., vs. Alonzo St. Myers and others, was argued, and occupied the attention of the circuit court all day yesterday.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES E. VAN KEUREN were pleasantly surprised last evening by the arrival of about thirty of their friends, who were on hand to commemorate the eleventh anniversary of their marriage.

THERE was quite a serious wreck out on the Baltimore & Ohio near Barnesville yesterday morning, which delayed passenger train No. 6 several hours. The wreck train went out and cleared away the wreckage.

AFTER talk of holding a council meeting every evening for a week, with no result, Mayor Caldwell yesterday ordered a meeting called for this evening, and the call was issued. It is to finish pending business of the joint assembly.

YESTERDAY was fairly well observed in Wheeling as Washington's birthday. The banks and most of the public offices were closed, and a number of flags were out. The city hall had none displayed, and Janitor Howell explained that the city had no flag. Somebody ought to give her one.

"A FAIR REBEL," presented at the Opera house yesterday afternoon and last night, is a good specimen of the military drama of to-day. The story is very interesting and the company good, while the scenic accessories are adequate. The audiences were not large, but were enthusiastic.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

L. P. Gallaher, the Pittsburgh glass man, was in town yesterday.

V. A. Weaver and H. P. Humphrey, of Mountaineer, stopped at the Stamm yesterday.

Okey Richards, of the Ohio River railway, Parkersburg, was in the city yesterday, visiting South Side friends.

Mrs. B. F. Bond and daughter, of Baltimore, are here and will attend the funeral of the late Samuel Letzkus today.

M. A. Brast, A. P. Gersher and wife, of New Martinsville; M. F. Barrett and Mrs. Kenny, of Parkersburg, are registered at the Behler.

A. Brown Boughner, of Morgantown; Dr. A. S. Warder, of Grafton; Miss Mary Kraus and A. Bruce Berry, of Weston, and J. P. Clark, of Charleston, were at the McLure last night.

Major J. C. Gatch, who some time ago went to Indianapolis to be treated for ear trouble, is very ill. A telegram was received last evening asking that his mother and little daughter go to his bedside, and they left at once.

Charles E. VanKeuren left last night over the Baltimore & Ohio for Chicago, where he may secure a restaurant privilege at the World's Fair grounds, in connection with the Buffalo Bill exhibition, which will be there during the fair.

Michigan Republicans.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 22.—The Republican state convention met here to-day, and after getting down to business, the following nominations were made and adjournment taken:

For associate justice of the supreme court, Judge Frank A. Hooker.

For regents of the state university, Frank W. Fletcher, of Alpena, and Herman Kifer, of Detroit.

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Go West!

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THE DOUBLE TRACKS

At Forty-third Street May be the Cause of Considerable

TROUBLE THERE IN A FEW DAYS.

The Thirty Days Limit for Tearing Up the Obnoxious Tracks Expires To-morrow—What will Result from the Failure of the Company Tearing Up the Tracks.

The matter of the removal of the Wheeling Railway Company's double track or switch on Jacob street from Forty-third to Forty-fourth streets, South Side, is likely to prove a source of trouble before many moons. It will be remembered that the late City Council, at its last meeting, held on the evening of January 25, in pursuance of the joint recommendations of the committees on streets, alleys and grades, and railways, ordered the Board of Public Works to request the railway company to take up the switch or double track in controversy, within the ensuing thirty days, and if not done, then the board was to take further action.

The Wheeling Railway Company has up to the present time done nothing looking toward complying with the request of the board, and people who know something about the controversy say the company will not take any action now.

Judge Jacob, who is counsel and president of the company, stated its position at the joint meeting of the Council committees, and said among other things that he doubted the power of Council to act in the matter, and that even if Council did take the proposed action it would not take up the rails.

General Manager Jolly was seen last night, and said his company considered it had certain rights in the matter which Council couldn't take from them. "What action do you intend taking in regard to the action of Council in ordering up the double track or switch?" "I don't think we will take any action."

When asked further, he said if necessary the matter would be submitted to the courts to adjust.

The South Siders along the obnoxious track are very emphatic, and some of them say if the Board of Public Works does not take up the tracks at the expiration of the thirty days limit, they themselves would do it. Any such action on the part of the citizens might make trouble, and the advice of cool heads may prevail and the matter be left to the decision of the proper authorities. There is, however, great prejudice against the railway company on the South Side, so there may possibly be scenes of violence, if the track remains after the expiration of the thirty day limit.

The matter is complicated somewhat by the present Council situation. Ordinarily the Board of Public Works selected by the last council would now be a thing of the past, and the new board in, but as the board selected by the new council has not been sworn in yet, it is of course can do nothing. On the other hand, a member of the old board when seen yesterday, said his term of office had expired, and he had nothing more to do with the matter. Now if the Board of Public Works is to proceed and tear up the tracks after the expiration of the limit, who will be the board?

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW.

The Sanitary Condition of the City Needs Immediate Attention.

To the Editor of the Intelligence.

SIR:—The coming few months are fraught with overshadowing questions of sickness or health, pleasure or pain, life or death, and no prophet or seer, be he never so wise, can say which of these conditions will come to us.

The cholera, which sent such dread forebodings through our country last summer, is not dead—only sleeping till the suns of May or June call into virulent activity the plague which accomplished such direful results in a few locations which were specially favorable to its growth and extension across the water.

Our country has strangely remained careless and asleep, with these impending dangers facing us.

To be sure, after a tedious struggle, power is lodged in the hands of the President, to place some safeguards on immigration, and on imports of suspicious character.

These measures should have been passed by unanimous vote of Congress long ago, so that all the world would stand notified of our determination to exclude the filthy men and women, as well as the plague infected rags, which come from the crowded cities of middle and Southern Europe.

The world is becoming wiser. I grant that the growth is slow. Still, all reasonably intelligent people know full well that stringent rules must be followed, if we would escape some of the diseases which have brought sorrow and death to many happy homes.

When virulent scarlet fever prevails; who that has ordinary sense would allow children to come into an infected house? The same is true of diphtheria and other contagious diseases.

Look at the recent serious outbreak of typhus fever in New York. Still spreading, on account of the slow and inefficient action of the health officers.

Low lodging houses, where beds cost ten cents per night, were the fertile hatching ground of this terrible fever, which spread from a single case, three or four weeks ago, till now, deaths have occurred by the score, and large numbers in the pest hospitals are virtually delivered to the outcast's grave, on the islands of New York bay.

To prepare in season for coming emergency is wise, on the part of individuals as well as corporations.

Will our City Council put aside for

the moment a squabble as to filling subordinate offices, and turn attention to the sanitary condition of this city, selecting a health officer who is awake to the emergency, good discretion and first class executive ability?

Lives depend on the issue. Let our filthy back yards, alleys and streets be thoroughly cleaned, dumping grounds, provided for clean rubbish, and furnaces for filthy or perishable contents of stores or cellars.

The condition of the east end of Nineteenth street, with its smouldering stench, should be a warning to Council to provide something more in keeping with the health conditions of a city like ours. It looks like a relic of the "dark ages and smells like Hamburg!"

There is one other potent cause for the spread of disease which has only lately come to be considered at its proper value. The wonderful microscope has told more regarding the conditions and spread of disease than ever was dreamed of in the old philosophy, and now, more than ever before, water is regarded as of first importance in the maintenance of health.

Very many housekeepers adopt the plan of boiling and settling all drinking water. This is a partial help, but I beg any lady to try the odor of the pitcher after standing forty-eight hours, which it should do to become tolerably clear. I think a single smell will reveal the story of its pedigree very effectually.

The Ohio river has become, with the increase of population and manufactures, simply a mammoth sewer for draining the homes and industries of four or five millions of people. It behooves the residents on its banks to study some plan, in the light of experience and science, which will purify our supply and furnish us with a pure medium to quench our thirst and cook our food.

Two plans suggest themselves—one, to obtain a supply by Artesian wells; the other, for the city to establish three or four drinking fountains, in each ward, to be supplied by separate lines of pipes, the water to be made from condensed steam. This would be strictly pure, sweet as a dew drop and entirely devoid of all impurities, mineral, vegetable, or animal. This is a vital question, and one that deserves our best thought. "AQUA PURA."

Wheeling, Feb. 22.

TOO QUICK FOR HIM.

A Plucky Operator Beats a Desperado at His Own Game.

IOLA, KAS., Feb. 22.—At 2 o'clock this morning an armed man came into the waiting room of the Santa Fe depot, and marching up to the ticket window he smashed in the glass and said to Operator Tyler: "Throw up your hands." The operator, who was at his instrument, jumped for his revolver, got the drop on the man and shot him in the head just above the ear. He dropped to the floor and Tyler went to call section foreman Vassar. While he was gone from his office the wounded man had crawled out of the depot into a field, where he was found this morning mortally wounded. He was taken to jail.

Charged With Forgery.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Feb. 22.—J. W. Foster, a young man of this city, was arrested last night on a charge of forgery preferred by Wayne Damron, a Catlettsburg, Ky., saloonkeeper. It appears that Foster had signed the name of his grandmother, Mrs. Adeline Ward, to a check and Damron cashed it.

Anarchists Sentenced.

ROME, Feb. 22.—Twenty anarchists have been arrested on suspicion of having been implicated in causing dynamite explosions here during the last year. A bomb ready for use was found in the room of one of them.

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DIED.

LINDEMANN—At Annapolis, Ohio, Wednesday, February 22, 1893, at 2:30 o'clock a. m., Miss MARY LINDEMANN, of Wheeling, aged 25 years.

Funeral services to be held at St. James German Lutheran church, on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Peninsular cemetery.

FERREL—On Monday, February 20, 1893, at 11 p. m., AMELIA A., wife of J. N. Ferrel, aged 41 years, 3 months and 10 days.

Funeral will take place from the residence of her husband, No. 11 Sixteenth street, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment at Peninsular cemetery. Friends of the family invited.

LETZKUS—On Monday, February 20, 1893, at 1 o'clock p. m., SAMUEL LETZKUS, in his 30th year.

Funeral from his late residence, No. 1333 Market street, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Wood Cemetery.

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